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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI/CA

SUBJECT: Clearance Approval for Xafer DEVA *ed*

1. Attached is a Request for Approval & Investigative Action, PRQ Part I, and a Green List Name Check for Xafer DEVA. Information presently unavailable on the attached PRQ Part I will be forwarded when received from subject.

2. Field traces have not been requested inasmuch as subject received an OA on 26 October 1956 while in Rome, Italy, and thereafter departed for the United States in November 1956. Subject has resided in the U. S. since that time.

3. It is requested that a PCSA be granted subject on or before 6 June 1958.

CHIEF, SE DIVISION

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EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)
(b)(1) Privacy
(b)(2) Methods/Sources
(b)(3) Foreign Relations

SECTION II CITIZENSHIP							
1. PRESENT CITIZENSHIP Stateless	2. NATIONALITY AT BIRTH AND ANY SUBSEQUENT CITIZENSHIPS (If different than Item 1.) Yugoslavian						
3. PRESENT RESIDENCE (Indicate as owner, tenant or sub-tenant) Stockton, California							
4. PERMANENT ADDRESS (If different than Item 3.)							
5. IF U.S. NATURALIZED CITIZEN, GIVE NAME, DATE, CITY AND NUMBER OF CERTIFICATE GRANTED N. A.							
6. TRAVEL OUTSIDE COUNTRY OF PRESENT RESIDENCE (Countries, dates and purposes) Born Yugoslavia; student, Vienna, Austria 1922-24; business, Yugoslavia, 23-43; Govt position, Albania, 43-44; Austria, employed 44-47; Syria, 47-48; Turkey, 48-49; Rome, Italy, Oct. 1949 until November 1950. U. S. since Dec. 56.							
SECTION III OCCUPATIONAL AND FINANCIAL DATA							
1. PRESENT OCCUPATION Unemployed	2. TITLE	3. SALARY (Per annum)					
4. FINANCIAL STATUS (arnings, bank deposits, securities and property)							
SECTION IV ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS							
1. MEMBERSHIP IN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS Unknown							
2. PRESENT AND PAST MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS; POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Subject has no present political affiliations. He may be appropriately described as a single-minded anti-Communist Nationalist. In 1944 subject was one of the founders and leaders of the Second League of Priests, an organization formed to unite all Moslems for the defense of Kosovo, Yugoslavia against the Slavs.							
SECTION V EDUCATIONAL DATA							
1. SCHOOLS							
NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	NAME OF COURSE	DATES ATTENDED		DEGREE RECEIVED			
		FROM	TO				
Yugoslavia	Primary school						
Robert College Istanbul, Turkey			Four years				
Berlin, Vienna, Zagreb & Sarajevo	Further studies completing education as an engineer						
2. LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS							
LANGUAGE (List below each language in which you possess any degree of competence.)	COMPETENCE						
	READ		WRITE	SPEAK	UNDERSTAND		
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Yugoslavian, Albanian, German	Exact proficiency in these languages unknown at present						
Italian, Turkish, English							

SECTION VI SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERESTS 1. INDICATE ANY WRITING. GIVE DETAILS INCLUDING TITLES OF BOOKS OR ARTICLES, ALSO NAMES OF PUBLISHERS AND PUBLICATION DATES. <i>No writing known</i>																																																																	
2. SPECIAL SKILLS, ABILITIES, HOBBIES SUCH AS RADIO, PHOTOGRAPHY, ETC. <i>Subject completed education as a Forestry engineer.</i>																																																																	
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1. CHECK ONE:	SINGLE	MARRIED	WIDOWED	SEPARATED	DIVORCED	ANNULLED		
2. STATE DATE, PLACE AND REASON FOR ALL SEPARATIONS, DIVORCES OR ANNULMENTS								
No A.								
WIFE OR HUSBAND IF YOU HAVE BEEN MARRIED MORE THAN ONCE, INCLUDING ANNULMENTS, USE SHEET FOR FORMER WIFE OR HUSBAND HUSBAND, GIVING DATA REQUIRED BELOW FOR ALL PREVIOUS MARRIAGES.								
3. NAME OF SPOUSE (First) (Middle) (Mae) (Last)	Unknown at present							
4. DATE OF MARRIAGE (Unknown)	PLACE OF MARRIAGE							
5. DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH							
6. NATIONALITY AT BIRTH	SUBSEQUENT CITIZENSHIPS							
10. PRESENT RESIDENCE (Last residence, if deceased)								
Stockton, California								
SECTION X								
CHILDREN								
FULL NAME	SEX		YEAR OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY AT BIRTH			
	M	F						
Subject has children, but details not known at present								
SUBSEQUENT CITIZENSHIPS HELD BY ANY CHILD (Identify child and give his or her present address)								
SECTION XI								
FATHER								
1. FULL NAME (Abraham DEVA)	2. YEAR OF BIRTH (Unknown)	3. PLACE OF BIRTH	4. NATIONALITY AT BIRTH					
5. SUBSEQUENT CITIZENSHIPS	6. OCCUPATION (Whole-sale dealer)		7. PRESENT RESIDENCE (Subject deceased)					
SECTION XII								
MOTHER								
1. FULL NAME (Ella OSWALD)	2. YEAR OF BIRTH (Unknown)	3. PLACE OF BIRTH	4. NATIONALITY AT BIRTH					
5. SUBSEQUENT CITIZENSHIPS	6. OCCUPATION		7. PRESENT RESIDENCE (Unknown at present)					

SECTION XIII. BROTHERS AND SISTERS				
FULL NAME	SEX* M F	YEAR OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY AT BIRTH
Unknown at present				
*SUBSEQUENT CITIZENSHIPS HELD BY ANY BROTHER OR SISTER (Identify brother, or sister and give his, or her, present address)				

SECTION XIV. RELATIVES, ACQUAINTANCES AND CONTACTS				
1. NAMES OF RELATIVES IN ANY GOVERNMENT SERVICE. INDICATE NAME OF GOVERNMENT AND POSITIONS HELD.				
Unknown at present				
2. RELATIVES, FRIENDS, CORRESPONDENTS IN U.S. (Explain relationship) Subject is well known by Albanian refugees in the U. S. and therefore may know innumerable Albanians within this country.				
3. NATURALIZATION OF CLOSE RELATIVES IN U. S. (Give name, date, city and number of certificate granted) None known				
4. NAMES, ALIASES, TELECODES AND RELATIONSHIP OF ALL PERSONS KNOWN TO BE CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH ANY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE Unknown at present				

SECTION XV. PERSONAL ASSOCIATIONS				
1. LIST CLOSE ASSOCIATES, INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS				
See Section XIV, 2				

SECTION XVI. MISCELLANEOUS				
DATE	SIGNATURE			
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**PERSONAL RECORD QUESTIONNAIRE
PART II - OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CASE OFFICER

1. This form must be filled in by the case officer or appropriate authority on the basis of the best available information. It is not to be shown to the subject.
2. Normally, headquarters will be unable to issue an approval unless requester furnishes answers to all questions in PRO parts I and II. However, in an emergency provisional approval may be obtained by complying with the applicable provisions of WO 10-215, paragraphs 4a, 4b, 12b and 12d. Thereafter the usual method to document or complete the case should be followed as set forth in WO 10-215.
3. Three (3) completed copies of PRO part I (including one in subject's handwriting, if possible) and two (2) completed copies of this form must be sent to headquarters as soon as possible.
4. Data required later must be sent to headquarters in PRO format in two (2) copies.
5. Fill in all items, if information obtainable. If item not applicable write "NA." If additional space required for item, use reverse side of page keyed to appropriate item number.

1. CRYPTONYM	2. PSEUDONYM
<u>DECADA_L</u>	

SECTION I CONTACT AND DEVELOPMENT

1. INDICATE HOW, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, AND BY WHOM SUBJECT WAS FIRST CONTACTED OR DEVELOPED.

Subject was first contacted and developed by a KUBARK case officer in Italy
in 1948-1949.

2. INDICATE WHETHER SUBJECT COULD BE TURNED OVER QUICKLY AND IN A SECURE MANNER TO ANY RESPONSIBLE CASE OFFICER FOR HANDLING. IF SO, INDICATE TO WHOM.

Subject could be turned over to any senior KUBARK case officer. No language barrier would exist as subject is well versed in English.

3. LIST OTHER CASE OFFICERS WHO HAVE HANDLED SUBJECT OR WHOM HE KNOWS OR HAS KNOWN. GIVE NAMES BY WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN KNOWN.

1. Known to subject as
2. Known to subject. Name used not known
3. Known to subject as

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SECTION II	
MOTIVATION AND CONTROL	
<p>1. ESTIMATE SUBJECT'S MOTIVATION. (Be detailed. If possible cite evidence. Do not use stock comment such as "anti-communist.") Subject is a single-minded anti-communist nationalist. Subject, as a prominent emigre leader, desires to remain in contact and cooperate with Americans as he believes that the U. S. would have influence in post liberation Albania. At that time subject would expect favorable treatment of the Kosovo problem and himself for his past and future cooperation.</p> <p>2. INDICATE WHAT CONTROL, IF ANY, EXISTS OVER THE SUBJECT. (If no control, or if there is a lack of real control explain.) No effective control exists over subject. His desire to send his two children to an American University, which can be accomplished through our financial aid (salary) may be a possible lever of control. Also his belief that we could jeopardize his acquiring US citizenship if the need be.</p>	
SECTION III	
COVER	
<p>1. COVER USED BY SUBJECT AND CASE OFFICER IN THEIR MEETINGS. Case officer is officially backstopped civilian employee of U. S. Air Force (documented in alias) who contacts subject for translation duties utilizing subject's multi-lingual capabilities.</p> <p>2. COVER USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING HIS INFORMATION AND IN CONTACTING HIS INFORMANTS. Compiling information for the committee for a Free Albania to be used in assisting hard pressed refugees.</p> <p>3. INDICATE SERVICE FOR WHICH SUBJECT THINKS HE (WILL work) (Is working). American I. S. He knows that the information and names he provides is given to U. S. Government circles.</p>	
SECTION IV	
INTELLIGENCE CONNECTIONS AND TRAINING	
<p>1. EXPLAIN SUBJECT'S KNOWN PAST OR PRESENT CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. INDICATE THE EXTENT SUCH CONNECTION IS KNOWN OVERTLY. Subject was Minister of the Interior in Albania during the German occupation. He has BEEN worked with Italian intelligence services during the post-war years and up to the time of his departure from Italy for the U. S.</p> <p>2. LIST OTHER INDIVIDUALS (Agents, relatives, friends) WHO KNOW OF SUBJECT'S PRESENT INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. Mr. R. Krasniqi of the Free Albanian Committee in New York may assume or suspect that subject is returning to the intelligence field. Subject did not have a telephone and therefore Mr. Krasniqi was used as the telephone contact for arranging meetings with subject.</p> <p>3. EXPLAIN ANY TRAINING SUBJECT HAS HAD IN CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS. Subject has received no special training. From his field experience subject does possess knowledge of trade-craft and security. If time permits, subject will receive KUMARK covert training in spotting, assessing, recruiting and security precautions.</p>	
SECTION V	
COLLABORATION POTENTIAL	
<p>1. INDICATE OTHER FOREIGN POWER SUBJECT WOULD BE MOST LIKELY TO COLLABORATE WITH BECAUSE OF HIS IDEOLOGY OR PAST ASSOCIATIONS. EXPLAIN. Germany. Subject is still very much pro-German. Subject approved of German wartime policies regarding the Kosovo region and served as Minister of Interior in the Albanian Govt during the German occupation. During the post-war years he has collaborated with the Italian I. S., but he insists not as an agent.</p>	

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SECTION VI		OPERATIONAL USE - CONTACT
1. IF SUBJECT HAS BEEN USED OR CONTACTED BEFORE, INDICATE ACTIVITY IN WHICH HE WAS ENGAGED AND THE TYPE OF INFORMATION HE HAS FURNISHED.		
<p>Subject was formerly used in Italy by KUBARK. Subject has provided information concerning refugee activities and information concerning activities of the Italian I. S. in the Albanian field. He is considered to be an accurate reliable reporter.</p>		
2. INDICATE HOW AND FROM WHOM SUBJECT OBTAINS INFORMATION.		
<p>Subject will approach and illicit information from U. S. resident aliens through contacts in Albanian emigre circles and from leads furnished by KUBARK, for spotting and assessing purposes. It is not the primary purpose of the project to produce intelligence information.</p>		
3. INDICATE WHAT HAS BEEN TOLD SUBJECT AS TO THE DISPOSITION OF INFORMATION HE FURNISHES.		
<p>He knows that information he provides is given to U. S. Government circles and to some branch of American I. S.</p>		
4. DETAIL SUBJECT'S PROPOSED FI OR CI TYPE USE OR DUTIES.		
<p>Subject is to serve as a Principal Agent in Project ZRHAUNTE/Albania. His primary duties will be to help the case officer spot, assess, recruit, train and maintain control over Albanian U. S. resident aliens contracted for Project ZRHAUNTE.</p>		
5. DETAIL SUBJECT'S PROPOSED PP-PM TYPE USE OR DUTIES.		
<p>See Item 4.</p>		
SECTION VII		PROPOSED LIAISON OR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY
1. DETAIL SUBJECT'S PROPOSED LIAISON TYPE CONTACT OR OPERATIONAL USE:		
A. WHERE SUBJECT IS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT:		
<p>N. A.</p>		
B. WHERE SUBJECT IS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF AN ODDYKE AGENCY:		
<p>N. A.</p>		
SECTION VIII		AGENCY RELATIONSHIP WITH SUBJECT
1. EXPLAIN NATURE OF AGENCY RELATIONSHIP WITH SUBJECT: I.E. TRAINEE, OPPOSITE NUMBER, REMUNERATION, IF ANY; AGENCY PERSONNEL KNOWN TO SUBJECT.		
<p>Principal Agent under contract for Project ZRHAUNTE/Albania. At the moment subject knows case officer under alias.</p>		

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SECTION IX		QUALIFICATIONS FOR OTHER OPERATIONS	
<p>1. INDICATE SPECIAL ABILITIES, TALENTS, OR QUALIFICATIONS POSSESSED BY SUBJECT WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY BE OF VALUE FOR OTHER OPERATIONS.</p> <p>As the acknowledged leader of the Kossovs, he could provide agents for future operations. In the event of a war or uprising, he could probably raise a following in the Kossovo region.</p>			
SECTION X		COMMITMENTS	
<p>1. IF IT IS PROPOSED TO PAY SUBJECT A REGULAR SALARY, INDICATE THE WEEKLY AMOUNT. IF PAYMENT TO BE MADE IN EXCHANGE FOR COMMODITIES, SUBSIDY OR OTHER METHOD, SPECIFY AND GIVE DETAILS.</p> <p>We propose to pay subject a regular monthly salary of \$250.-300.</p>			
<p>2. EXPLAIN ANY PROMISES, OTHERWISE NOT COVERED HEREIN, MADE TO SUBJECT. (Example: Commitments regarding evacuation of subject and family.)</p> <p>None.</p>			
SECTION XI		CE AND SECURITY	
<p>1. INDICATE THE FIELD AGENCIES AND FIELD FILES WITH WHICH SUBJECT'S NAME HAS BEEN CHECKED AND THE RESULTS.</p> <p>Field traces were not requested inasmuch as subject received an OA on 26 Oct. 1956 while in Rome, Italy and thereafter departed for the U. S. in November 1956. Subject has resided in the U. S. since that time.</p>			
<p>2. INDICATE OTHER INVESTIGATIVE MEASURES TAKEN TO VERIFY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SUBJECT.</p> <p>No record of any agencies being checked other than KUBARK. Subject is a well-known emigre and biographical details of his life are common knowledge.</p>			
<p>3. INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT PROVISIONAL OPERATIONAL APPROVAL OR OPERATIONAL APPROVAL FOR SUBJECT'S USE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED.</p> <p>OA and PCSA</p>		<p>4. DATE APPROVAL OBTAINED</p> <p>OA 26 Oct. 1956 PCSA 9 June 1956</p>	
<p>5. EVALUATE SUBJECT'S CHARACTER, RELIABILITY AND SECURITY, CITING EVIDENCE WHERE POSSIBLE. Subject has been described by his former field case officer as able, honest, extremely sincere and very dependable. Up to the present he has steadfastly refused to become a paid agent of any intelligence service in order to maintain his freedom of action to act as he sees fit. His purpose for accepting monetary remuneration now was due to the high cost of living in the U. S. and his desire to offer his children an opportunity to attend college next year.</p>			
<p>6. EXPLAIN ANY SITUATION OR INDISCRETION IN WHICH SUBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WHICH MUST BE EVALUATED FROM A CE/OPERATIONAL SECURITY VIEWPOINT.</p> <p>None</p>			
SECTION XII		SUBJECT'S PERSONAL HABITS	
<p>1. USE OF LIQUOR, DRUGS; GAMBLING, PARAMOURS.</p> <p>Does not drink alcoholic beverages. Appears very devoted to wife and two children.</p> <p>No vicious habits known.</p>			

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SECTION XIII AVOCATIONAL INTERESTS	
1. INDICATE SUBJECT'S Hobbies OR INTEREST IN SPORTS, MUSIC, ETC.	
Not known at this time.	
SECTION XIV GENERAL	
1. INDICATE WHETHER SUBJECT'S LANGUAGE ABILITIES AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS, ARE SUCH AS HE COULD PASS AS A NATIVE OF A COUNTRY OR REGION OTHER THAN HIS OWN. EXPLAIN.	
Believed to be none	
2. INDICATE WHETHER INFORMATION IN PRO PARTS I AND II WAS OBTAINED BY RESEARCH, CLANDESTINE ASSESSMENT, FILES, CORRESPONDENCE OR OTHER MEANS.	
Headquarters file on subject and three personal meetings that the undersigned case officer had with subject.	
3. IF OTHER THAN ROUTINE ACTION IS REQUIRED, IF AND WHEN TERMINATION OF SUBJECT IS EFFECTED, PLEASE EXPLAIN. (Also see para. 43b, <i>supra</i>)	
N. A.	
SECTION XV EMERGENCY CONDITIONS RECONTACT ARRANGEMENTS	
1. GIVE FULL DETAILS I.E. RECOGNITION SIGNALS, S/W, WHERE COULD CONTACT BE MADE; WHAT BONA FIDES COULD INDIVIDUAL MAKING CONTACT USE?	
N. A. Subject is contacted by case officer known to subject.	
SECTION XVI MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONAL DATA AND REMARKS	
N. A.	
DATE 26 August 1958	SIGNATURE OF APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICER C J